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## Ex-Mayor of Bassano Meets Sudden End

G. M. Pierce, at one time prominent businessman here, fell on sidewalk and broke his skull.

George M. Pierce, a pioneer of Bassano, but of late years a resident of Calgary, died on Saturday evening last as a result of injuries received when he slipped and fell on the pavement in front of the Union Bank building on Eighth Avenue, Calgary. His head hit the pavement with a terrific impact, the skull being broken as a consequence.

The late Mr. Pierce came to Bassano ten years ago and operated the Alberta hotel. Later he sold that business and started a hardware store which he disposed of to Currie & Milroy. He was a good natural and good-hearted man and always

wanted to help another. In sports and other phases of the town's life he took an ample share. He was mayor of the town for several years and interested extensively in town and farm property in the district.

Deceased was married twice and, his oldest son, is employed in Medicine Hat. Miss Annabelle Grant Robertson, a Bassano girl, was deceased's second wife and she has two little children, survive.

The late G. M. Pierce was born in Athens, Ontario, and was 42 years of age at the time of his death. The occurrence came as a shock to many friends in Bassano.

## Winnipeg Bad Man Wanted on Murder Charge May Be Lurking Around Here

Jim Buller Made Visits Here in Past. Heavy Reward Offered for His Apprehension. Mixed Up in Shooting Affray

Jim Buller, wanted for complicity in the murder of A. McCurdy, Winnipeg, inspector, on November 10th, is known to have been a visitor to Bassano on a number of occasions and there is a chance of his being in this locality. \$2,500 reward is offered for his capture, making it worth while to keep him open. Buller is 5'10 in. in height, weighs about 165 pounds, and is of dark complexion.

With hair turning slightly grey, he has a bullet scar in the centre of his forehead, another scar over his right eye and one on the back of his right hand. He has quite a reputation as a gambler and "bad man." It is known that Buller has at least half a dozen aliases. He is supposed to have shot inspector McCurdy when the latter walked into the Stockyards hotel, Winnipeg, in search of a liquor canteen.

## Conviction By Carney Squashed Unatisfactory Condition of Record of Conviction Taken into Consideration

The conviction of Wallace Bros. by Charles Carney, J. P., at Bassano, was quashed by Mr. Justice McCarthy on Monday, on grounds of incorrect procedure on the part of the local justice of the peace in making out the records.

The case arose out of accused patterning cattle on a small range area and Bassano U. F. A. inspired the action. W. J. O'Neal, acting for the prosecution, agreed to the withdrawal of the charge on the above-mentioned grounds. The moot point is whether a herd of cattle in charge of a line rider can lawfully be ranged on a restricted area. A test case will be held at a later date to definitely decide the point.

## School Maintenance Costs \$8,000

Chairman Struthers, of the School Board, explained the transaction of renting the building he owns to the school for an additional classroom at a monthly rental of \$1500, as the annual school meeting held Monday night. He said that janitor services and heat were included in the amount. Trustee R. H. Travis explained that this was the only available building, unless the board had recourse to considerable expense fixing up other places. He thought the rent was reasonable and objected to street signs on the board's name.

The reports were subjected to a careful scrutiny and the ratepayers passed a resolution of confidence in the board and of thanks for their efforts on behalf of the school.

## MCGILL REACHES HER OBJECTIVE OF FIVE MILLION

MONTREAL, Nov. 30.—Including the grant of a million dollars to come from the provincial legislature the McGill centennial endowment fund practically attained its minimum objective of \$6,000,000 last night when a total of \$5,800,000 was announced.

## Oddfathers Elect Officers

In the regular meeting of Bassano Lodge No. 1, P. & F. held Thursday night of last week the following officers were elected for the first six months of 1921:

Mr. Paul Grand—Jas. Stinson

Noble Grand—Hardy Nock

W. V. Craig—Secretary-Jos. Wright

Treas.—H. Beeson.

## Councillor Stiles Defends His Actions

Says He Had Perfect Justification in What He Did or Victory

Bend.

Councillor Stiles, chairman of the finance committee of the town council, told the ratepayers at the meeting on Monday night that he had indirect personal criticisms of his actions regarding a certain \$500 loan bond hypothesized by Cameron in the United Bank.

"I want to state that I used no information received from the council or committee in the action I took," he said. "I merely endeavored to collect a bill and did it in a perfectly legal manner. I feel justified in my actions and only replaced the bond to save a friend from any likelihood of getting into trouble. It cost me \$500 but I could do that at any time if a friend was liable to suffer as a consequence of any action of mine. Otherwise I would have continued in the course I had taken and fought the matter through if any legal action had been taken."

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The bond has been returned to the bank.

## Communications

### Editor Bassano Mail

In your issue of November 11th, you stated that the A.P.C. lawyer at Bassano held the record of Alberta for the number of cars of grain shipped out this fall, and although I am sure he is in the future greater of your district, I am naturally proud of my own, and hereby give a friendly challenge to Mr. E. H. McCaughey to publish the official figures and if he can substantiate his claim I will be pleased to add my congratulations to your paper on condition that he agrees to pay five years subscription to our local paper, the Gleichen Call, if I produce official figures showing that our United Grain Growers elevator at Gleichen beat his record.

John C. Buckley  
See U.G.G. local board, Gleichen

A big shipment of liquor which police were watching for since the car carrying the load left Medicine Hat, was seized at Gleichen on Monday. 58 bottles of whiskey was gathered by Captain Wright and a hotel keeper was also arrested.

The shipment had an adventurous time en route having been stolen at Brooks and recovered by the police, who made a mistake of a couple of guns.

This car has been making periodical trips throughout the country distributing liquor supplies.

Editor The Mail:

Just a line or so through your paper as it is in an irrigated district and would interest your community on the why and wherefore of the irrigation farmer.

I have been enquiring for particulars about an irrigated piece of land and have been advised to go to Bas- sano, but being from an irrigated country captured into the particulars of the state of the ditches and dikes and rates of the irrigation scheme of your locality. I wonder if it would be advisable to buy land or not.

I am told that you have not yet a practical man that understands the use of water at the head of affairs, that even some of the ditch riders are not irrigators and that the majority of the camp foremen know nothing about making ditches than the superintendent in charge which is a local practical point, and if he gets a man that understands his work he will not be kept long on the job as a good man will not take any back talk and, so you see, how can a person put money into a concern like this?

Why don't the irrigation farmers get what is coming to them; good clean ditches, gates and drops in their right places and get all the water that they pay for and to get that you may have real practical men as ditchriders and watermen and most assuredly camp foremen must know their business in helping the community around him wherever he is camped until these things are looked into and the farmers under your ditch get together and demand that their gate be put in right place so as to be able to irrigate.

It is all right for a demonstrator of the company to go out and tell the poor farmers a lot of theory and stuff but can be taken a shovel and make use of water and irrigate. Very few can. It's practical men you need but the company don't want them; afraid of them telling the farmers of how they are being fooled,

## Western Novelist Issues New Book

Robert Stead Writes Novel of Alberta Ranch Life

Time was not so long ago when Canadians bought a novel by a Canadian boy thought to be a good writer and energetic enough to do a worthy cause. They did it to help a struggling fellow-countryman, and, tell, perhaps, a compensating glow of patriotism even if they did not exactly understand the cause.

But Canadians are discovering that their fellow-countrymen are writing books which are most decidedly worth reading on their own account, and perhaps no one has contributed to this more than Robert Stead, author of the famous "Kitchen" collection of poems, and of the novels, "The Homesteader," and "The Cowpuncher." There is not a dull word in anything Mr. Stead writes.

The novel is entitled "The Discrepancy."

It is the chief adverse critics of the council while E. H. McCaughey and H. Holmes defended the council's actions. John Morden thought the council had erred but were not entirely at fault. The councillors stoutly defended their actions. The criticism arose largely out of the disclosures of the late secretary, the critics saying that sufficient vigilance was not shown and that the discrepancy should have been detected before. H. Ford, auditor, also declared that it was impossible to discover the shortages because no entries of cash received had been made in the books. The money had merely been pocketed and no account of the receipt put down. With funds from the hospital, forward movement and other public bodies at his disposal, the secretary could have sufficient cash at any time to show a proper cash balance, by juggling the funds from one account to the other.

**Good Crowd Present.**

The council chamber was filled when the meeting opened. The mayor was in the chair and all the councillors present. The acting secretary explained that a financial report could not be given for he had not the time to make one out. He had been busily employed straightening the books up and had no time to go into a report. He was prepared to answer any questions, however.

K. T. Connolly wanted to know why the auditor had not found the shortage before, and enquired if the audit was made every three months as required by the act. The auditor replied that he had not made an audit since last June and could not say so because the books were never written up. He admitted a mistake in not putting in a report to the council to the delays in having the books ready, but said he had mentioned it to several of the councillors personally.

**Sport Notes**

The Firemen put the "trimmings" on the Roustabout in an exciting five pin match at Fortier's alleys on Friday night, winning by 114 points.

The Firemen are out with a challenge to the world now.

**Editorial.**

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of your paper the winter their

water troubles, if they are getting what

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could help each other out as I am

interested in irrigation schemes.

Yours,

Irrigator

## Ratepayers Inquisitive At

## the Annual Town Meeting

Lively Session Ends With Vote of Confidence Being Passed. Defalcation of Secretary under Fire. Auditor Explains Position

### 1919 Bond Missing.

R. A. Travis enquired re the 1919 bond of the secretary and received the reply that there had not been a bond in 1919 and some of the short ages had taken place in that year. These shortages were in the hospital account. There had been no shortages in the town account prior to June 1920. Mr. Travis enquired if the council had promised two extra lights, and, if so, when they were to be paid for.

Coun. Skerrit, chairman of the public works committee, explained the expenditure of \$716,65 in his department and said every effort had been made to keep down expenditures and to maintain the sidewalks in repair. Mr. Morden said that materials should be prevented from walking on the sidewalks for the winter, as when snow fell on the boards, it would be necessary to nail them down again when a horse stepped on one of the boards and shot up. Mr. Morden suggested that plans might be considered to purchase a concrete mixer in preparation for the laying down of permanent walk, but it was pointed out that the streets would have to be graded first.

George Travis, chairman of the town hall and reception committee, said the plant was never in better shape. There were less breaks than ever. The revenue was \$5000 this year compared to \$4500 for 1919.

Phil Robinson, aka Coun. Skerrit, said the sidewalks could not be gone over and repaired, and the council replied that it was hard to know where to begin and the expenditure had to be kept at a minimum. The entire sidewalk system needs replacing.

**Finance Committee's Duties.**

Mr. Powers enquired of the mayor to whom the duties of the finance committee, asking why it exists.

"The name ought to tell you," said the mayor.

"I just wondered if there was anything in a name," rejoined Mr. Powers.

### Mayor's Report.

Major Brewster gave a concise report of the ground covered by the council for the year and explained the arrangements entered into whereby the town got an extension on its debt-service payments. This was somewhat upset when the Union Bank applied

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### Australia Guarantees the Price of Wheat

An increase of 1,120,000 acres in the areas planted in wheat in Australia is reported by the Canadian trade commissioner at Melbourne. The total acreage is placed at considerably more than 10,000,000 acres, and a yield of 187,000,000 bushels, or between 13 and 14 bushels to the acre is estimated.

If this estimate is realized, it will be the largest yield of wheat in the world since 1915-16 and 1916-17, with 17,000,000 and 152,000,000 bushels respectively marketed.

The report states that the Commonwealth government has guaranteed an advance to the grower of \$1.21 a bushel for wheat delivered at country railroad stations, which is equivalent to \$1.40 free on board steamer. To date, the Commonwealth government has had 61 bushels for all wheat grown in that state. The f.o.b. price in New South Wales will be from \$1.95 to \$2.07 a bushel to assist the government loss.

The following are the location and description of the bridges in question. The two largest of these bridges are over the Crowfoot Creek, and the smaller ones are over tributaries leading into the Crowfoot Creek. Six of these bridges have already been completed, and the material is on hand for the balance and they are under construction at the present time.

In addition, there is now under construction a steel bridge south of Brooks at a point on the Bow river opposite Bow City. This will open up a through road from Brooks to the large territory lying south of the Bow river.

Between sections 22, 23; 23-24. I 20 ft. span on 20 ft. piling.

Between sections 28, 29; 28-29. I 20 ft. span on 20 ft. piling.

Between sections 31, 32; 31-32. I 20 ft. span on 20 ft. piling.

South of section 34-23-24. I 20 ft. span on 20 ft. piling.

Between sections 30, 31; 30-31. I 20 ft. span on 20 ft. piling.

Between sections 37, 38; 37-38. I 20 ft. span on 20 ft. piling.

Between sections 39, 40; 39-40. I 20 ft. span on 20 ft. piling.

Between sections 41, 42; 41-42. I 20 ft. span on 20 ft. piling.

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Between sections 45, 46; 45-46. I 20 ft. span on 20 ft. piling.

Between sections 47, 48; 47-48. I 20 ft. span on 20 ft. piling.

**Bridge Building Program**

In a communication received recently from the Hon. C. R. Mitchell, member for Bow Valley, with respect to the road and bridge program map put out for this year in the portion of the Bow Valley constituency tribute to Bow City, the provincial treasurer states that although road work was closed earlier than usual this year, owing to the extremely dry season and consequent delay in securing funds for road making, there will still be considerable work done this fall in connection with the construction of small bridges which have for some time been very badly needed.

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Between sections 73, 74; 73-74. I 20 ft. span on 20 ft. piling.

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Between sections 81, 82; 81-82. I 20 ft. span on 20 ft. piling.

Between sections 83, 84; 83-84. I 20 ft. span on 20 ft. piling.

Between sections 85, 86; 85-86. I 20 ft. span on 20 ft. piling.



# Pithy Paragraphs For Busy People

THE WEEK'S NEWS IN TERSE TERMS

**Proposes to Educate People Against P.R.**  
An organization, to be known as the British Representation League in Ontario, has been founded recently. The object is to educate people against the proposal to introduce proportional representation in the province of Ontario. J. R. McNichol, who was elected chairman, described the proposal as a "thrust to the British constitution."

#### Employers Censured

"Work is the last thing certain classes of our fellow countrymen will give up," said the Field Marshal King, addressing the National Farmers' Union, some days ago. "They say they have not been through an apprenticeship. Are not five years of service to a count?" It is a great shame to a country?"

#### Attempt to Storm Factory—Three Wounded

Shots were exchanged when a crowd of workmen and sympathizers recently attempted to storm the garment factory at Kemptville, which was guarded by a detail of semi-militarized police, who had been placed about the plant after the abortive attempt made by dismissed workmen previously. The factory was shut down temporarily, through lack of work. Two workmen were wounded, one of them seriously, also a policeman. After the clash a delegation was finally admitted to see M. Bleriot. They notified him that unless he agreed to re-open the factory they would seize the plant and operate it themselves.

#### Situation Critical in India

In the House of Commons, Hon. Edward Samuel Montague, secretary of state for India, admitted that a dangerous situation existed in the country and that the government there would be left perfectly free to take whatever steps were deemed necessary in dealing with it.

#### Personnel of Minimum Wage Board Appointed

Prof. J. W. McMillan of Victoria University, Toronto, a chairman of the Minimum Wage Board, whose personnel was announced today, by Hon. W. A. Rossiter, minister of labour, and other members are R. A. Stapp, of the MacLroy Manufacturing Company, Toronto; Mrs. H. W. Parsons, secretary of the National Council of Women; Toronto; H. J. Foster, secretary of the Trades and Labor Council, Hamilton, Ont.; and Miss Margaret Stevens, of the Toronto Garment Workers' Union.

#### Soviet Organizing Government in Crimea

A Moscow communiqué received by wireless recently announces that reorganization of government in the Crimea has already begun by the Bolsheviks. The new executive committee and the central committee are now in session, and order is being restored. We are registering tens of thousands of Gen. Wrangel's former soldiers who abandoned their general."

#### Ten Orphans for Regina

Ten Jewish orphans in Regina have started their willingness to adapt into their house Jewish orphans from Poland and Ukraine, whence some 200 homeless and friendless boys and girls are to be sent to Canada soon. This number is to be increased by Mr. B. Zwick, a member of the committee which is arranging for caring for the little ones who will sent to Regina, is comparatively small, but it is expected that not more than ten orphans will be sent here. There are too many children for them all to find homes in Regina, those who cannot be adopted will be sent to the Jewish orphans in Winnipeg, which is partly supported by the Regia auxiliary.

#### Problems of Clothing Industry Adjusted

Wage readjustment negotiations have begun between the clothing manufacturers' association of the Montreal branch of the American Clothing Workers of America with a view to solving the problems of the clothing industry. The failure of the public to buy clothes in spite of reduced prices has caused a depression in the clothing industry from which there is no indication of immediate recovery.

#### Unemployed in Winnipeg

Winnipeg's unemployed number about 12,000, according to estimates made in labor circles recently. The continued fine weather has been of great assistance in relieving the labor situation. The lumbering industry, as soon as transportation over the ice is possible, will provide work for many during the winter months.

#### Business Brik in Alberta Mines

Employment conditions in mining and smelting centers of the province of Alberta are very promising, stated William Carnell, superintendent of the local office of the government employment service, following a tour to Rocky Mountain House, Nootka and Brûlé districts. The miners are working to full capacity while several new prospects are being opened up, which will doubtless afford work for many additional men during the coming winter months.

#### Salmon Pack Increased

According to a statement prepared by the British Columbia Salmon Board, the salmon pack for 1920 is 1,177,045 cases. Prevailing market prices would give this season's pack a selling value of \$13,307,719. Last year's pack amounted to 1,393,536 cases.

#### Spain Purchases Subs

A squadron of six submarine chasers purchased by the Spanish navy from the British admiralty, was delivered recently. All of these are of the "Wasp" type.

#### Cannery Causing Indians to Starve

Hundreds of Indians in the upper Copper river district of Alaska, are fast starving through the winter because of the failure of the salmon fishing in that neighborhood, through few fish escaping the nets of the cannery.

#### Labor Defeated

Although London had no municipal election, the result of the balloting in the balloting in East London, a large East London industrial municipality yesterday showed a heavy defeat for the labor party similar to that which occurred in other parts of the country. Seven workmen were defeated in the elevation of labor councillors to aldermen, but only two labor candidates were returned, the remaining seven being won by Ratepayers Protection Association candidates.

#### To Attend His Own Funeral

Lieut. John C. Gramatoff is awaiting the arrival of his corps from France. His "death" was announced officially and the War Department refused to consider his repeated claim that he is alive.

The department, as a final effort to convince Gramatoff of his error, has shipped the body to Everett, Mass., where it is to be buried.

Gramatoff is to escort the body to arrival. He states that he will not identify his own body, but is somewhat worried over the problem of attending his own funeral.

#### Continuous Operations in Yukon

Extensive winter travel has developed between Dawson and the new Yukon river camp at Mayo. The Hill operations will continue all winter. The Canadian Gem Company has invested \$3,000 in the construction of the hill in order to ship to the smelter when navigation opens. The ore ranges in value from \$100 to \$1,000 a ton.

#### Twenty-one Children in Twenty-six Years

Mrs. Albert Schling, wife of a well known Ottawa resident, has just given birth to her twenty-first child, a boy, Melvin, and baby is doing well. Mr. and Mrs. Schling were married here twenty-six years ago.

#### Woman Suffrage in Italy

The Italian Chamber of deputies by a vote of 240 to 19 has granted woman suffrage, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Rome.

#### Condemn Mail Order Houses

The Ontario branch of the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada condemned mail order houses that operated for five years and have been recently closed. They were first married in 1867. Mrs. Schmidl was granted a divorce in 1915, having charged her husband with non-support and cruelty.

#### Divorced Couple Remarried Have Seventeen Children

Henriette Schmidl, 67 and Clemens H. Schmidl aged 74, parents of seventeen children, followed their desire that separated for five years and have been recently closed. They were first married in 1867. Mrs. Schmidl was granted a divorce in 1915, having charged her husband with non-support and cruelty.

#### Steps Toward Self-Government

Steps towards the self-government of the Established Church have been taken by the National Assembly of the Church of England. This is a new body and has been meeting during the past week at Lambeth Palace, London, England.

The appeal for reunion of churches was referred to a speech delivered by the Archbishop of York. The Archibishop, after interceding with the church, had his talk taken but the position at the present stage was grave and delicate.

#### Noted Justice Dies

The noted Justice died at home in Toronto on November 19, of the Hon. Justice Britton, C.M.C. at the age of 87 years. He retired from the Supreme Court last January. He was born in Gananoque, September 3, 1833.

#### Last Furs

Mrs. Ruth Sweetser, representative of a United States suffragist organization has notified the police that while attending the League of Nations meeting on Saturday, she was robbed of her fur, valued at \$250.

## THE MAIL, BASSANO, ALTA.

# An Institution Which Is a Great Boon To The Prairies

THE SWIFT CURRENT MEDICAL AND SURGICAL CLINIC SOLVES MANY DIFFICULTIES WHICH FACE THE PRIVATE PRACTITIONER

HAS WONDERFUL SUPPLY OF GOLD

Gold, free gold, assaying 100 per cent, the first ever brought out, ready for the mint, from the Rice Lake district of northern Manitoba, was the treasure Tom Fay, after a long search, found in his bag when he arrived at the St. Charles hotel in Winnipeg recently.

He planned this great haul, he said, as he allowed a handful of glittering sand to trickle through his fingers. "I had it with nothing but a hammer and a tin wash basin."

Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent developing Rice Lake properties, and the l, with my own hands, took the first actual pure gold out of the ground up there. I can get pounds of it out in the same way."

It is a fact known to mining men the world over that the district of Rice Lake, 10 miles north of Winnipeg, and east of Lake Winnipeg, where gold crops were first developed eight years ago, has shown great promise.

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The idea of the clinic was first conceived by Dr. D. W. Graham, F.A.C.S., former president of the Saskatchewan Medical Association; and in carrying out the idea to a practical conclusion he had assistance of two well known and experienced men of the profession, Drs. R. R. Stein and Dr. O. M. Irwin.

The medical profession fully realizes the need of the public at large private in a general way, ordinary private practitioner, particularly in the smaller centres cannot, obviously, have all the apparatus and equipment for making thorough and absolute diagnosis of each case that comes to him. This feature of their general practice is a definite hindrance to the development of substantial criticism of the city that the clinic has been a great factor in the solution of innumerable difficulties that faced the public and the medical profession in that community for so many years.

To laymen we hear strangled whisper: "Oh, dear, you hurt." In a low earnest voice he says: "Well I simply cannot help hurting that little bit. You don't mind that, do you?"

Again we hear only silence. They seem perfectly contented. It is not long, however, that they remain in this position. He does not seem satisfied with what he has seen of her face.

Her eyes are a violet gray. He bends farther over so that he can hear more of what is going on. They seem perfectly contented. Because, of course, it is the dentist repairing her teeth.

A true philosopher is one who loves his gloomy day or two. And bears his bit of trouble in the way he says you ought to do.

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is pressing, has led the public to large groups in a general way, the ordinary private practitioner, particularly in the smaller centres cannot, obviously, have all the apparatus and equipment for making thorough and absolute diagnosis of each case that comes to him. This feature of their general practice is a definite hindrance to the development of substantial criticism of the city that the clinic has been a great factor in the solution of innumerable difficulties that faced the public and the medical profession in that community for so many years.

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Her eyes are a violet gray. He bends farther over so that he can hear more of what is going on. They seem perfectly contented. Because, of course, it is the dentist repairing her teeth.

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## Riding Together



"I saw the trees in the hot, bright weather,  
Clouds up, with shadows very black.  
As we rode on together,  
With helmets unlaced and bridles slack."

"And, often, as we rode together,  
We looked on the green-banked stream,  
See swallows on the sunlit water,  
And saw the bubble-making stream."

"And in the night lay down together,  
And hung about our heads the reed,  
Or watch'd night-long in the moonlight weather,  
The white moon did water the weed."

—WILLIAM MORRIS

If you're going to ride together, come to Eldorado, "riding along, singing a song, some place of intimate connection, some place where you and your love have been, where you wished to be with a dear pal and friend who had never seen it, either; and you wished to see it only with but that

one; you wished to arrive in it, and live in it—since you found that lovely place—with but one, that one, until all your head was gray and the world was to them, that neither of you had ever tramped or ridden through before, a country as new to you as the world was the day you were born. And when you're riding along, singing a song, some place of intimate connection, some place where you and your love have been, where you wished to be with a dear pal and friend who had never seen it, either; and you wished to see it only with but that

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Pacing Gelding Sold For \$12,000

A new trotting horse sold record for the Old Gold section was sold at the Meadow Square Garden, the record price agreed upon by James F. Murphy, chairman of the board of Trade informed the writer that the clinic was the city could possibly buy and he strongly recommended that its services and work could profitably be investigated by other communities.

Condition of Former German Empire

The condition of the former Empire of Austria-Venkow-Germany is now as bad as very well. The temperature has dropped to 104 degrees recently and she has been unconscious a good deal of the time since her last heart attack.

Fits of severe pain have been

repeatedly experienced by the

old gelding.

The story told of the dis-

covery of his claim, and later of his return to find it richer than he had left three years ago for \$10,000.

"I asked, 'Can I take that much out with my own hands in a year or two, and still have them will be more than I can ever earn in a lifetime?'

"Fay declared he would not

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Department of Agriculture for Alberta

In view of the present demand for breeding sows, the Department of Agriculture has arranged with the Livestock Exchange at Edmonton and Calgary to sell the two young ewes from those coming into the stock yards. Those who wish to buy may do so by applying to the Manager of the Edmonton or Calgary Livestock Exchange, Alberta Stockyards, Calgary or Edmonton. Bills of lading will be issued and payment made on delivery. When ordered, a deposit of \$10.00 per head will be required to assist in the selection of the animals.

N. G. CARLILE  
Minister of Agriculture**Ratepayers Inquisitive**

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past due notes against a balance of \$12,000 the town had in its current account. This matter was being fought out between the bond holders and the bank at the present time.

Regarding the defalcations of the secretary, the mayor explained the council's position. He had misinstructed the secretary and endeavored to find something understandable, but could not do so until he discovered the hand of the Victory Fund. This was found out four days after the theft occurred. It was then that the mayor spoke to the mayor and told him he must be able to back it up and one had to be sure of his ground. He thought the council had done its work conscientiously and well and should have no regret.

H. S. Johnson enquired if the (the mayor) was not surprised when he knew the late secretary to be spend-

ing a great deal more than he claimed. No man is going to work for nothing, he said. Harry Holmes interjected that the mayor and council did this. The mayor said he had heard that Carnage was receiving an income from private sources;

E. H. McCaughey contended the council had done their duty and worked hard. A certain amount of dependence has to be put on an official in the position of the secretary, he said, and the council was not to blame. They were all men who were successful in their own business and giving their best to the town in a thankless job. He moved a vote of thanks for the efficient manner the work had been carried out. Wallace Flanagan seconded this motion.

John Medden suggested leaving out "efficient" in this motion, but just making it a vote of thanks. He thought the council had a certain amount of blame coming to them. Harry Holmes declared the council

had given their best performance and had done their work well, and were deserving of the confidence of the people. The vote was put, and carried with a few dissentients.

The mayor said he had explained his position. Some contended that at the price, \$200 a year, Mr. Ford was giving more to the town than he was paid for, and should not be larger salary. Mr. Ford responded to anyone had any criticism to offer to him, then, saying he was willing to meet any fair criticism. The lack of records was what evaded him as auditor and no auditor in the world could give him a record of the shinko where no records were available.

John Medden, Agri-cultural Secretary held an Irrigation meeting in the Town hall last Saturday. The meeting was addressed by G. B. Bodman, principal of the Gleichen School of Agriculture, and Mr. Eisenhauer, of the Dominion Government Irrigation Department. Both gave splendid ad-

dresses, well worth the while of every farmer in the district being present. Mr. Bodman explained the best methods of irrigating, the various prises and went into the theory of mulch on the top of the ground, preserving moisture in the soil. Mr. Eisenhauer explained the system of irrigation which gives the best results on various crops. E. A. Beck, secretary of the society, was chairman of the meeting which was not any too well attended.

**GEM.**

A bazaar is to be held the evening of December 11th at the Gem school house. Number of articles are to be sold, including hats, bonnets, aprons, dresses, bags, waists, etc., also laundry articles, dishes and home cooking. Supper will be served. Bazaar is to open at 5 o'clock p.m. and close at 9 p.m. All who have donated articles, exclusive of cooking, which must be fresh, are asked to obtain the same at the home of Mrs. Fryberger not later than December 6th.

**Countess**

The Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Ralph Burrows on Thursday, November 18th. There was no business transacted as our president, Mrs. M. L. Burrows is still on the sick list. The ladies brought their fancy work and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. The hostess served a dainty luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gamble are moving to Bassano this week where they will spend the winter, having recently bought a home there.

Max Ferguson returned from Calgary Wednesday where he was on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Snyder left for the coast last week and will spend the winter at Seaside.

John Chalmers left last week for Spokane where he will spend the winter with his mother.

The new schoolhouse in Burns Brae district, No. 3663, is now finished. As the school directors have been unable to obtain a teacher it is difficult to say when the school will be opened.

Mrs. Clive left last week for Cleveland, Ohio, where she will spend some time visiting relatives and friends.

Billy Clove has accepted a position as dancing teacher in Detroit, Mich., for which place he left last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvie have moved over in the Countess district where they have rented a place for two years.

Mr. Vanderlinder is visiting in Calgary.

**Concert, Play and Dance**

Leslie Grossmith and Party in New Programme of Merit at Bassano on Tuesday, December 7th

It is only occasionally that really first class entertainment is offered us, and no doubt all those who enjoy good music, refined humour, and a rollicking play will be present at the old Trading Co. store, Bassano, on Tuesday, December 7th, to witness the Concert, Play and Dance offered by Leslie Grossmith and party.

This entertainment bears the stamp of approval from all the leading cities and towns throughout western Canada and we are fortunate to be favoured by a visit.

Hugh S. Barbour, a solo violinist of decided ability will also appear in attractive numbers, also Mlle. Georgette (Mrs. Leslie Grossmith) will contribute chieftain songs in true Parisienne style.

Classical music, humorous items and sketches, dramatic readings, etc. will compose the contribution of Mr. Leslie Grossmith himself, and a real treat is in store for us all.

The abridged version of the famous play, "The Private Secretary" is a screaming farce enjoying the distinction of being one of the funniest plays ever written.

A dance with special good music follows the entertainment without extra charge. Tickets should be secured in advance, as a large crowd is expected.

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Royal Oak, 30 x 3 1-2	22.75
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Vanderlyn Oversize for Fords	22.75
(This tire gives more power to your car and makes easier riding)	
30 x 3 1-2 Inner Tubes	\$ 2.50
32 x 3 1-2 Tires	25.00
31 x 4 Tires	34.00
32 x 4 Tires	36.50
33 x 4 Tires	39.00
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**Stiles - "The Druggist"**

Australia, New Zealand and China have been shipping eggs to Vancouver; the prices read 80 to 85 dollars. Calgary dealers quote \$12.50 a case for new laid.

## The Gem Theatre

Programme for Next Week

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Douglas Fairbanks in

### "One of the Blood"

Wednesday and Thursday

Robert Warwick in

### "Adventures In Hearts"

Friday and Saturday

Will Rogers in a comedy  
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The Standard Oil Co. has half a million dollars worth of piping in Calgary yards for use in the northern Alberta oil fields.

Upland hay - quoted at \$17 to 12 and thimothy at \$20 a country point.

Alberta potatoes are being sold in Calgary at from \$1.00 to \$4.00 a ton.

C. E. Law, a Pacific Coast geologist says that the world's greatest oil fields lie in Northern Alberta and millions of barrels a year will be turned out.

Hon. Jas. Calder says that he believes the world's oil will break even in the election in Western Canada.

## CLASSIFIED ADS.

FOUND - Horse's bridle on Majorville trail; the owner may obtain same at this town. 131F

MARRIED COUPLE without children would like to take care of stock for some family leaving for the winter. Call for references. Write to J.W. Carter, Box 141, Bassano. 134P

FOR SALE - 2 grade Jersey cows 3 years old, good milk flow of milk will be fresh in April. M. A. Parrott, 4 miles south of Gem school.

FOR SALE - Practically new Ford touring car 1929 model, only run 100 miles, sufficient to break it in to running condition. Has motor, electric lights, one main top, 120 license, everything in working shape. Reasonable price for quick sale. Apply to Harry Jones, Bassano, Alberta. 135P

FOR SALE CAAEP - Small cook-stove with reservoir, dresser, library table, Morris chair, kitchen cabinet, dining room table, chairs, chafing dish, dishes, cooking utensils, kitchen table, iron bed, spring and mattress. Apply H. E. Haines, Bassano. 139P

## Grain Prices

Local elevator prices:

Wheat, No. 1	143
Oats, 2 northern	34
Rye	150
Wheat on track	176 1/2
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## THE BASSANO MAIL

Published at Bassano, Alberta every Thursday.

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## STIRRED UP INTEREST

The ratepayers listened to the town council giving account of their stewardship during the past ten months, at the meeting on Monday night, and then turned in to dissect the reports given and delve into the conduct of the town's business.

Criticism, both favorable and otherwise was voiced, but everything was done in a gentlemanly way and without any show of ill-feeling.

The Mail believes that benefit will accrue from the frank discussion, and we heartily hope the ratepayers will continue to manifest an equal interest in town affairs throughout the coming year.

The usual way is for the citizen to let out a pent-up roar once a year and the rest of the 365 days evince decidedly little interest in the town management.

A great asset in being a public servant is to possess a hide sufficiently thick to turn aside sharp points of undeserved attack, and absorb well meant criticism.

The experiences of the past year have taught the council many things. One cannot go on a council board with no previous experience and learn the intricate winds of the conduct of municipal affairs at a few meetings. Continued application and experience is needed.

The retiring members of the council should present themselves for re-election for undoubtedly the experience they have gained will make them better able to fill positions on the council board another term.

## THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM

In this issue appears a communication from a man who poses some questions, or rather makes some charges, against the management of the irrigation system operated by the Canadian Pacific Railway.

We are pleased to be in a position to say that there is very little truth in the assertions made regarding the incompetency of men in charge of the irrigation system.

It reminds us very forcibly of the reports scattered broadcast when the dam was being built. There were scores of men willing to wade all they had that the dam wouldn't hold, and the water wouldn't run the ditches, if by chance the dam did hold. Then for several years a propaganda was maintained against irrigation as agricultural prac-

tice, reaching a climax when a party of Gleichen farmers visited Bassano in an attempt to dissuade settlers from the United States locating on irrigated land in this vicinity.

Later years proved the tremendous value of irrigation, and now scores of districts are clamoring for the government to provide funds for irrigation systems.

Now the charge is made that the men in charge of the system are incompetent, and do not know their business.

The writer has personally traversed the eastern irrigation block from one end to the other and has operated an irrigated farm, thus coming into close contact with the men in charge.

Our observations have resulted in the conclusion that the Canadian Pacific railway has followed its usual policy in securing the very best men for the work.

A. S. Dawson is chief engineer and the success of the dam and the entire system has clinched his reputation. A. Griffin is superintendent of the Eastern Section and has proven to be a man of the most energetic and enterprising character.

He was born and brought up in an irrigation district, that of Manteca, California, and has studied irrigation practices throughout the United States, the home of irrigation in the western hemisphere.

Don H. Bark, of the irrigation experimentation branch, brings the experience of Idaho and Colorado irrigation districts to benefit the farmers here.

The conditions in these States most closely resemble the conditions here. Both these men are big men in their fields and have a staff of engineers and field men of the highest ability.

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# Some Tales of the Indians

\*\*\*\*\* AND THEIR HALF BROTHERS \*\*\*\*\*  
RELATED BY ONE WHO DWELT LONG AMONGST THEM—PICTURESQUE TRADITIONS AND LEGENDS OF THE NATIVES OF THE WESTERN PLAINS

**FILE HILL INDIANS** — A TRANSITIONAL PERIOD—CHANGES IN THE SYSTEM OF ADMINISTRATION—TO YOUR TENTS, O ISRAEL!—TEACHING THE INDIANS TO BE SELF-SUPPORTING.

In a previous story I have mentioned that the File Hills Indians were peculiarly fortunate in the selection of officials sent by the Dominion government as helpers, advisors or administrators.

## Two Distinct Eras

The post-treaty history of our western Indians divides itself into two distinct periods—the first, the years immediately preceding the signing of the Morris treaties in 1874, and the Riel rebellion in 1885; second, the period since that event.

## Pre-Rebellion Conditions

Prior to 1885 the efforts of the white men to Indianize them in a large measure, fragmentary and experimental, and unsatisfactory. This was unavoidable at a time when the Indian was in the transitional stage—passing from hunting in the hills and plains to a diet of venison and pemmican, to one of Chicago bacon and from a nomadic life on the broad prairie to one of fixed habitation within the prescribed areas of the reservation.

## Words Inadequate

The tragedy of these six or seven years will ever deserve a chapter in language portray. The attempts and failures, the trials and difficulties, the hopes and disappointments, the romance of the past making impossible the dimmest conception of the future.

The once fearless, dashing riders, guiding the mustangs, in pursuit of the bison now leading the awkward, clumsy ox, or holding the unwieldy plow. The glories of a glorious past contrasted with the uncertainties of an uncertain future.

Legends of bygone days told and retold by the medicine men constantly came into the ears of the young men and would be progressive spirit causing discontent and unrest.

## Early Conditions

These were some of the conditions against which white men in their endeavors to give the Indian an uplift and to gradually lead him into civilization, were compelled to struggle with.

Such men as Taylor, Dister, Nicoll and Westover may not have succeeded in showing financial results at File Hills during their term of office, but they certainly laid a foundation on which their successors built and built largely. Then came the rebellion of 1885 and incidentally the Indians into his own.

## Post-Rebellion Days

With the war correspondents representing Canadian papers, during the Rebellion, and with the news of the main events, connected with those unpleasant days, there was no subject to receive greater attention or on which eastern readers were kept more fully informed. The western Indian, his status and place in the Canadian life of the future.

An absorbing subject among eastern Canadians in their papers on the strength, its organization, its clubs and fraternal societies, even in the churches, the western Indian was talked of.

In Parliament the opposition never wearied of pointing out to the government the weak points, real and fancied, in its administration of Indian affairs. The result was an entire remodelling of methods and official management.

## Important Changes

Up to 1885 one man, Colonel McDonald, officially designated "Indian Agent," was in charge, assisted by a corps of family assistants of the whole territory comprised in what was known as "Treaty Four." This covered reservations at Pelly, Moose Mountain, Crooked Lake, Indian Head, Pinehouse and File Hills and Touchwood Hills.

Under the new system a permanent Agent was appointed at each of these points, a direct medium between the Commissioner at Regina and the Indians of each group of reserves. To each Agent were assigned a clerk,

and one or more farm instructors. The men who have held the position of Agent at File Hills have been, each in his turn, successful in gaining the confidence of the Indians and in improving their condition physically and morally, as well as assisting them to comfort and in not a few cases even to affluence.

In any future relation of the affairs of the File Hills Indians the name of P. W. Wright, P. W. Wright, H. L. Reynolds, and W. M. Graham, will be written large. Each in turn built and built well on the foundations laid by his predecessor.

The Indians of File Hills and the white people of the surrounding district who still survive, will soon forget the first local Agent, Mr. Williams.

Coming to an investigation in the autumn of 1885, he took a careful survey of the whole situation. He dealt with it "slow but sure."

For nearly two years after his arrival he lost no opportunity of improving upon the methods the Indians had used, so that they were even to become self-supporting and prosperous, there must be radical changes in their habits and methods.

Among his first reforms was the discouragement of the powwow. The bands were accused of coming frequently in companies of a score or more to discuss their affairs with the Agent. Each expected an opportunity of airing his views at

a general meeting.

"To Your Tents Oh Israel!" After listening to two or three of the orations he was too much taken aback to say a word. "My friends, I have heard enough to know exactly what you want. It will not be necessary to waste your time and mine listening to mere speeches. What you have said will be carefully considered and acted upon as promptly as pos-

sible."

Some such reply was usually sufficient to close the pow-wow, and by the end of the year it was felt that there was more to be said. Williams had one slogan that never failed to break up the meeting. "To your tents oh Israel!" Then soon learned and well interpreted that this was the last word in the discussion.

## Sell Support

After a year in office he gave the natives a very severe jolt. Sending for the chiefs and headmen he told them briefly, "My friends, for a long time I have looked upon you as White Mothers. You have treated all this time you have lived largely on food from the government ration house. This cannot continue forever."

## How It Was Done

"In order that you may understand what this means, I am going to close the ration house for thirty days. You will be plentifully supplied with powder and shot, gunpowder, gun and knife, the weather is fine. Your gardens have been digged, your grain stored and fenced. Take your sticks, your bows and arrows, load up your gun and go for a ride. Kill the bear, chase the deer and snare the rabbit. For one whole moon give yourselves up to the pleasures of the hunt."

It was no secret that many Indians were not able to support the government ration house, a permanent institution for feeding the Indian families. Naturally any attempt to curtail this bounty was resisted and loud were the voices raised in protest. To quiet the most turbulent, this was the initial step towards the degree of self-sufficiency which the File Hills Indians enjoy today.

## Further Reforms

One fine Monday morning in June, 1887, the chiefs and headmen were again convened for counsel with the Agent.

"Friends," he began, "I have much thought to plan for your good. For seven years you have been playing the game of life. You have cultivated your little patch of ground from half an acre to two or three acres in area. The time has not been all lost. You have learned something about agriculture, of getting food from the ground."

"The day has come when you go forward to larger and better things. I find that all told you have twenty yokes of oxen and sufficient plows for your wants. Before the end of this

## THE MAIL, BASSANO, ALTA.

### JAPS ANNOYED AT THE UNITED STATES

After a trip to the Far East aboard the C.P.O.S. liner Empress of Russia, the mystery of the Orient is as nothing to Mr. Norman De Graves, of the Vancouver cut tom to the bone.

"I always had a sneaking idea," he said, smoking a reflective pipe last evening, "that I would like to live amid the lure and color of the East. Now Vancouver suits me. I have a light of Brooklyn before the effluvia of the lights of the Chinese coast cities, and the Japanese are so aggressively modern that they are painful."

"The cost of living for a white man is enormous, although big salaries are sometimes paid. The life is one that only the hardy can stand, for alcohol appears to be the chief factor in success."

"Aside from business conditions, which are low, and the customs of the people, which are interesting, one thing that stands out in Japan is the martial spirit of the people. They are intelligent and patriotic, and the foundations of the prosperity these Indians enjoy today in so large a degree are based."

## Yielding Gracefully

Old Sam said, "Yes, sir, I fell over the side of the ship, and a shark came along and grabbed me by the leg."

Visitor—"Good gracious! And what did you do?"

"I let it eat it, of course, never argues with sharks!"

But still there was Kitty!

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"Kitty, I don't want a little baby and almost with the words Kitty entered. There was a soft, sweet smile on her face as she embraced Margaret saying:

"They let me see the baby, isn't she a darling? I just love her now."

Margaret went a little pale and Kitty subsided also so that there was an awkward silence. At last Margaret said:

"Kitty, dear, would you make very much difference to you if you didn't have a baby?"

Kitty started then said, "Why, have you changed your mind?"

Margaret nodded as she said, "I know, I know, I know."

"I should never have made that arrangement, it was a cowardly thing to do, and it has turned out that when they paid their expenses at the end of each week there was less left, and nothing to buy clothing orings as she shuddered as she remembered that in a short time a little stranger would be provided for out of their already so limited resources."

But still there was Kitty!

"Now don't you worry any more dear," said Kitty as she rose to go and take the little dining room chair for a nap, but she could not sleep and her great sad eyes gazed mournfully into vacancy. With this life they were to lead, what was left?

Margaret could see no deliverance, no way out of it for them. Always, she thought, would be poor, struggling on, never having enough to eat, always having to sell what she could not afford, never able to purchase new ones, but would look steady and respectable, the envy of all around. She knew the gaiety which some people were inclined to think frivolous there beat a true woman's heart and a kindly gentle mind. Her husband and their mother had been dead, and Margaret was surprised at how bright eyes.

But still there was Kitty!

"In Kitty's beautifully furnished home little white bedroom was being prepared in the months that followed. There was a dear little white bed; a white cabinet for tiny clothing; soft cream paper on the walls relieved by cunning little pictures; a white washstand with a cistern; a cream and blue carpet on the floor, and pretty white lace edged curtains. Sometimes Kitty stole away to this haven, and with tender look in eyes, bent over to what might have been her mother's bed, where it had been denied the realization of the value of the gift. Here, one day Jim found her, and she spoke because he knew her well.

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"In the plain little hospital bed, Margaret lay, while in the nursery slept her little new daughter. . . . What is this we have for breakfast?" asked Mr. Newly.

His wife looked at him with troubled eyes. "It was to have been eggs and bacon," she said, "but poor cook's burnt it."

"Poor cook! I should think so, indeed. Confound her! Have you given her notice?"

"Oh, no, I can't be too cross with her, darling," said his wife. "Won't you be satisfied with a kiss for breakfast?" she coaxed archly.

"All right, dear," replied Mr. Newly, suddenly pacified. "Call her in."

But still there was Kitty!

"Willing to Take a Chance

The principal of a certain school for girls had occasion to speak sharply to one of the pupils recently.

"Mabel," he said sternly, "you've neglected your work and you'll find yourself sent home an hour after school."

Mabel shrugged her thin little shoulders.

"Well, Mr. Stonely," she said, "if your wife doesn't mind, I'm sure."

"I don't," she said.

Honest Lad

Lady Visitor: "So they sent their little boy to a reformatory, Mrs. Grey? What a shame!"

Mrs. Grey: "Yes, and he was a bad boy, too. Everything he stole he brought straight home to his mother!"

After weary months of waiting, the newly married couple had at last got a house, and with joyful hearts were setting things straight.

At length John came across a little picture of which he was very fond, but which was too small to hang from the picture rail. So he got a nail, and hammed it up in the wall.

A few moments later there was a knock at the front door.

"Oh, John dear," whispered the bride anxiously, as she peeped through the window, "it's the man from next door. I'm afraid

he has seen it. How could she turn round and say, "You can't have her," when she knew that Kitty had been making such elaborate arrangements to meet the little stranger? Even yesterday she had been a wistful look in Kitty's face, she had thought as they had spoken of the little one.

At that moment Harold strode in: "What's this I hear about you not getting along so well?" he asked. "I don't worry myself about something dead, if it's about finances I am going to tell you a bit of news which will make you better." Today Hardacre called in to see him. He had been a man of much faith and executive ability and as they had decided to appoint him, so he had been chosen to be manager of Gravenhurst branch, which had been a most successful and profitable one.

A flush of joy passed over Mar-

## CURRENT COMMENT

ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST TO DWELLERS IN THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES OF CANADA  
A SERIES OF ARTICLES DEALING WITH VARIOUS WESTERN QUESTIONS

### The American Presidential Election

Seldom has there been less interest taken in Canada and other outside countries in an American presidential election than was the case when Mr. Harding was elected last week to the position of Chief Executive of the United States.

Neither of the personalities striving for the highest honor that can come to a native born American were great national figures; nor was there a great policy at stake. It is true that the Republicans, of which Mr. Harding was the representative, had refused to enter the League of Nations upon President Wilson's plan, but paradoxical as it may appear, Mr. Harding's electric may, and likely will, have the effect of breaking that deadlock which occurred in respect to this important feature of international policy and may result in a means being found for the United States to enter the League and to assume its international responsibilities.

The opposition to President Wilson's plan was more of detail than principal, and there is not the slightest doubt in the world that many Republicans opposed him and all his works upon a purely party basis. He was a Democrat president who suffered from the serious difficulty of having a Republican majority against him in the Senate. \* \* \* It is a well known fact that many leading Republicans in the United States have been in favor of the entrance of the country into the League of Nations but they did not wish to do under the Wilson plan. They realize that the United States has now reached a stage when the country can no longer remain in a state of isolation, either "selfish" or "splendid" and that it must assume its national responsibilities. There is, therefore, little doubt that Mr. Harding's election will result in the solution of this very vexed question.

The election is a victory for the high tariff forces of the United States, and this may have some effect upon Canada. The Republicans have always been high protectionists and there is little doubt that they will still maintain that policy. It is possible that a Republican victory in the United States may have some effect upon the imports into that country of certain agricultural products. Under the provisions of the Democratic tariff of 1913 wheat, wheat flour, and potatoes were allowed to enter the United States free of duty from a country which admits the same articles free from the United States. In 1917 under the stress of war conditions an order-in-council was passed in Canada whereby wheat products from the United States were placed on the Canadian free list. Later similar action was taken in Canada regarding potatoes. Automatically this action had the effect of taking the duty of wheat and potatoes going to the United States from the Dominion. There was wide opposition to this amongst the agricultural interests of the United States, and there is, of course, a possibility that the Republicans may repeat the bill. This may not, however, as it was under a Republican administration that the reciprocity understanding was entered into which embodies much the same principle.

No radical departure, however, can be made in this respect for some time as the new administration of the United States does not take office until March and some time would have to elapse thereafter before much could be done in the way of changing existing legislation.

The Democrats during the campaign used the Irish question considerably. Irishmen transplanted to the United States have almost invariably been attracted to the Democratic party, and it was they who were responsible for much of the "tail twisting" and excitement over Britain's relations with Ireland that has been such a considerable factor in the campaign. Mr. Harding's election is a tremendous reproof to this element.

It would be unjust in referring to the presidential election to conclude without saying a word in respect to the work done by Mr. Wilson, the late incumbent of the chief executive office.

He was called from his study at a great university to assume mighty responsibilities. No president, with the exceptions of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, has ever faced a more difficult task. It was an epoch, not only in the history of the United States but of the entire world. Civilization was threatened; thrones were crumbling and bloody elemental war was spreading like a scourge through Europe and sending the echoes of its deadly clangour across the Atlantic. Americans in the border states could hear the roll of the Canadian drums as the pride and flower of the youth of the country, clean limbed young men of the same stock as themselves, were marching off to battle. A long period of plethora and prosperous peace had developed a selfish habit in the United States and during the first years of the war Europe had come with her gold to buy the natural and the manufactured products of the rich American Republic. The country already rich, had fattened on this trade; the wheels of industry were turning as never before; and was racked Europe was emptying her coffers into the lap of opulent and swollen profiteers. President Wilson realized that the present and future safety of the country demanded that Uncle Sam should assert himself on the side of liberty and freedom; but the country was not ready for war; it was too much engrossed in its own selfish and profitable pursuits. How he moulded public opinion which culminated in the entry of America into the war on the side of the Allies is now history. His task was a tremendous one; mistakes were made, but they were inevitable, but by his efforts a grave reproach was removed from his country and under his guidance an honorable position was taken in the great world war.

We are still too close to the time to view the situation in its proper perspective, but when history is written with impartial pen, it will accord President Wilson a high place.

### A Useful Point

your hammering has disturbed him."

John hastened to greet the visitor. "All's well," he said.

"That's all right," said the neighbor heartily. "I don't mind the noise a bit. I've only come to ask if you'd mind my hanging a picture on the other end of the nail."

### No Surprise

Doctor—"Your wife's mind is completely gone."

Husband—"Well, I'm not surprised. She's been giving me a piece of it every day for about two years."



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Thomas Hardy, the English novelist, has a habit of invariably wearing two waistcoats.

## PLEASE NOTICE

The arrangement made with the publisher of The Mail was that all paid-up subscribers were to be carried by the present publisher, and subscription arrangements are payable in advance. The postal authorities insist on this being done.

## Local and Personal

A big turkey shoot is to be held here on Saturday.

Dr. Da Silva has moved his office to the Ingram block.

Frank Berry is resigning as secretary-treasurer of Bassano School district after nine years in service in that capacity.

Mrs. Peever, mother of Mrs. J. H. Hubbs, a former resident of this town, died this week at her daughter's home in Lethbridge.

The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heather died a few days after it was born. The funeral was held here on Saturday last.

The government removed the fixed price on Victory bonds this week and the bonds promptly dropped several points on the stock exchanges.

The annual meeting of the Women's Institute will be held in the Town hall on Saturday, Dec. 4th, at 3 p.m. All members are requested to be present.

The school hours changed commencing Monday of this week, school starting at 9:30 a.m. and one hour being allowed at noon, while the school closes at 3:30.

The annual meeting of all the members of the Bow Valley Agricultural Society will be held on Friday, December 10th, in the Town hall, at 2 p.m. Please make up opportunity to attend.

A. T. Connolly was in Calgary last Sunday.

Mrs. Nash visited Mrs. T. Athey, at Duchess, for a few days.

Ties, Hunter was in Calgary on account of the fatal accident to G. M. Pierce.

The new telephone office is rapidly nearing completion, but will not be opened until next spring.

The Bassano hunters returned from the Brazeau hills with one deer. Mr. H. Murphy was the one who bagged the animal.

One Gordon of Jasper, who was a lieutenant in the old 3rd Batt., and was badly wounded in France, was in town last Friday.

The contract for a steel bridge across the Hot Deer at Stettler was let. The bridge is to carry a steel on the Hanna-Medicine Hat ranch line.

George Lane opposed the High River hospital scheme and has a letter to the Herald. Right Timely offering his reasons. He says it would have been better to wait to see what success other hospital schemes have had.

Councillor McKee, chairman of the Fire and Lighting Committee of the Council, said he had been informed that the electric light company had completed repairs to the oil power-house. It was to be used as an auxiliary plant and to meet the continual electric service when started in operation.

## Bassano Municipal Hospital District No. 6

Wanted---Secretary-treasurer to commence duties on 1st January next. Applications must state qualifications and salary expected and must be in the hands of chairman of the board by 6 o'clock on the evening of 11th December.

A. L. SEALE, Chairman of the Board, Bassano, Alta., 18th Nov., 1920. 12-13c

## Bassano Municipal Hospital

Wanted---Married couple to cook and janitor at above hospital to commence duties on 5th December next, combined salary \$135.00 a month and board. For further particulars apply to Superintendent, Bassano Municipal Hospital, Bassano, Alberta, 18th November, 1920. 12-13c

TOWN OF BASSANO  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Municipal Elections, 1920.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Electors of the Town of Bassano will be held on Tuesday, December 1st, 1920, being the first Monday in December, from 11 o'clock in the forenoon until 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of mayor and three councillors for the term of two years. At the same time and place there shall be nominated three trustees for Bassano School District, No. 213; and also at the same time and place there shall be nominated one hospital trustee of Bassano Hospital, No. 6.

Dated at Bassano, Alta., 18th November, A. D., 1920.

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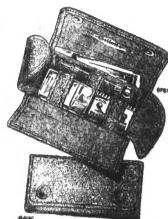
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## JUST FACTS

Three hundred persons can find protection from the sun's heat under what is considered the world's largest grape vine, at Carpinteria, California. It is 200 feet long.

Fewer persons were killed in railroads during 1919 than in any year since 1898.

Small children in Zealand dress exactly like their parents.

A mosque and a Mussulman's university, originally planned for Algeciras, Spain, are to be built in Paris.

The custom of throwing rice after a newly-married couple originated in India.

The Indian head on old pennies was from a drawing of a white girl, Sarah Longacre, wearing a war bonnet.

Pomerania, Germany, has had a 600 percent increase in divorces as compared with the period before the war.

James A. Garfield was the only ordained preacher to be elected president of the United States.